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Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	_____
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**Small Entity**

Fee (\$) Fee (\$)

50 25

200 100

360 180

Each independent claim over 30 (including Reissues)

Multiple dependent claims

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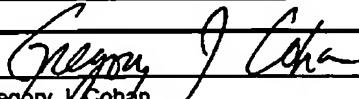
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